

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of dependent claims 5, 6, and 11, and the corresponding dependent claims have been canceled. Amendments to conform dependencies have been made to claims 7, 9, and 12.

To address the rejection under § 112, second paragraph, claim 12 has been amended to recite using a mixture of glycerin and water as the adhesive.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 3-6, and 14-25 were rejected in view of De Boel et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,175,162. Claim 2 was rejected in view of De Boel et al. '162 in combination with Rankins EP 494548 A1. Claims 7, 8, and 13 were rejected in view of De Boel et al. '162 in combination with Murch U.S. Patent No. 3,934,066. Claims 11 and 12 were not rejected, and were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 11 has been presented in independent form, and is believed to be in condition for allowance, as indicated by the USPTO.

IDS

The official action states that the reference DE 100 02 277 A1 was cited in an IDS dated December 14, 2005, but is not properly cited in “the IDS list dated December 30, 2006” [sic, dated January 25, 2006, and received by the USPTO on January 30, 2006]. The applicants respectfully traverse. As noted by the Office, the document was identified to the USPTO and a copy of the publication was provided with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 14, 2005. The Supplemental IDS submitted on January 30, 2006, provided a concise statement of relevance of the already-identified foreign-language document. Nothing more is required for the USPTO to consider the concise statement.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any questions, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the indicated number.

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